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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2007, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings being on page 13 of this paper, and include three (3) attached replacement sheets.

An Election of Species begins on page 14 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

An Appendix, including the replacement sheets of drawings, is attached following page 18 of this paper.